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THE WATERGATE SCANDAL -

The alleged justification for the burglarizing and bugging of Democratic headquarters is said to have been a report turned over by the C.I.A. indicating financial support from the Castro Communist government in ✓ Cuba for the McGovern campaign. James W. McCord, Jr., a former F.B.I. agent who also served nineteen years with the C.I.A., was one of those convicted in the conspiracy, and feeling let down at being left "holding the bag" by the higher ups involved, he decided to tell the whole story. McCord had been retained by the Committee to Re-elect the President to be in charge of security matters for the committee and the campaign. Among the higher ups involved reportedly are John W. Dean III, counsel to President Nixon; Jeb Stuart Magruder, former presidential aide recently appointed by Nixon to be Director of the Office of Policy Development of the Dept. of Commerce; and even former Attorney General John Mitchell whose sudden resignation is said to have been more because of this than his desire to practice law again.

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